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Vienna, May 24/63.

Dear Prof. Thirring:

I am including with this letter the first issue of the International Newsletter on Peace Research which gives a short summary of Peace Research activities around the world. The second issue will be out within a few weeks and I will mail you a copy as soon as I receive it. I would just like to make a few additions to the content of the newsletter:

1. Holland (page 8):

In addition to the Polemological Institute at the University of Groningen (Director: Prof. B.V.A. Roling), there is a group of scientists under the provisional Chairmanship of Prof. B. Landheer (Librarian of the library of the Peace Palace in Den Haag). This group has recently met with representatives of the main political parties, the two religious groups and the government, in order to discuss the establishment of a National Peace Research Institute. The response from all present was favourable and I believe we can expect favourable action in the near future.

2. Skandinavia: (page 9).

In February 1963, the Norwegian Government appointed "The Council for Research on Conflict and Peace". With the exception of one Member of Parliament all appointed people are academics. This Council is to recommend to the Govt. what kind of research for Peace should be financially supported. The first grants are to be made this autumn. The Council has been appointed for five years.

In addition there are Peace Research Study Groups in 10 Skandinavian Universities. As part of the annual "Nordic Summer University" (which is supported financially by the Skandinavian Governments) there will be a two week seminar on Peace Research this summer in Denmark.

As far as Peace Research in other countries is concerned, the enclosed newsletter is up to date and quite accurate. I hope this information will be useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

